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Dear Colonel Reynolds:

I have checked with our experts on the matter, and they tell me that they know of no bibliographic reference for the "Third Agency Rule." It seems to have come about as the result of an oral agreement in the very early post-war days, before the emergence of the "intelligence community" concept.

Today ninety-nine per cent of the information and the intelligence produced by one intelligence agency is available to all the others. In addition, the "Ad Hoc IAC Subcommittee on Information Processing" has all but abrogated what was left of the Third Agency Rule, at least in terms of reproduction of each other's reports.

Sincerely,

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CIA Orientation Officer

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